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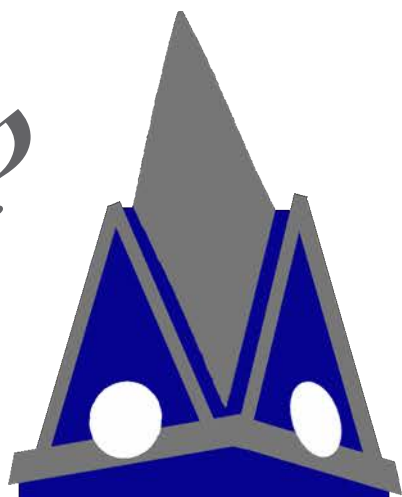
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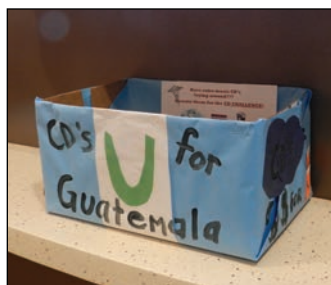
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Xavier's Associate Provost of Diversity and Equity resigns

BY TATUM HUNTER

Staff Writer

Xavier's Associate Provost of Diversity and Equity, Cheryl Nuñez, has resigned.

"Cheryl made a variety of strong contributions during her time at Xavier, and we look forward to building on them in our future diversity and inclusion efforts as we create a comprehensive agenda for that work across the university," President, Fr. Michael Graham, S.J., said.

The Associate Provost of Student Affairs, David Johnson and the Administrative Assistant for the Office of Diversity and Equity, Eileen Corder declined to comment on the reason for Nuñez's recent resignation and the events surrounding and associated with it.

Johnson offered some information concerning the future of the Office of Diversity and

Equity. The office will remain an integral part of Xavier's diversity and inclusion efforts. The university plans to hire a new administrator to head the office in the early spring.

This decision will come after the Diversity Cross-Functional Team, which consists of 24 faculty, staff, students and administrators, presents a proposal for furthering and improving diversity at Xavier to a group of faculty, staff and students who will give feedback on the proposal.

The team began meeting this August with the goal of reconsidering Xavier's approach to diversity and inclusion and generating new ideas and initiatives.

The process for hiring a new director for the Office of Diversity and Equity will begin after Xavier's campus community discusses these ideas and initiatives and when the two become

more solidified.

Johnson said that the goal of the Diversity Cross-Functional Team is to build upon the work the Office of Diversity and Equity has already done.

"Cheryl was deeply committed to her work and a great asset to the Xavier community. She worked tirelessly with faculty, staff and students to help us live out our commitments to diversity and inclusion," Johnson said.

Faculty and students gathered in Hinkle Hall on Nov. 1 to say farewell to Nuñez and celebrate her time at Xavier.



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Student Government Association and Office of the Provost present "Light the Campus"

BY SAUNTA ANDERSON

Staff Writer

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and for the first time, students are invited to help decorate Xavier's campus for the holiday season.

The Xavier community, including students, staff and faculty, are encouraged to attend "Light the Campus," presented by the Office of the Provost and Student Government Association (SGA).

The decorating event will begin at 3:30 p.m. this Thursday on the Xavier Yard.

Afterwards, there will be a lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. outside Bellarmine Chapel.

After hearing rumors concerning the possibility of Xavier not decorating the campus for the holidays, some students expressed their disappointment.

"Not only do (the lights) look nice, but they also help people get through the holidays away from their families," SGA President Drew Dziedzic said.

Many are excited that the holiday decorating of campus is opened to the community this year.

Provost and Chief Academic Officer Scott Chadwick suggested starting this new tradition and involving the students "as a way to build community and come together in celebration."

"I think it would be great to start an annual tradition of celebrating this blessed time of year together in ways that we have not in the past," Chadwick said.

In the past, Physical Plant decorated the campus for the holiday season.

However, the budget reduction process last year decreased Physical Plant's ability to completely manage the project. Physical Plant is still directing the lighting, but the decorating process will be more community-based.

"It speaks better to the whole story of Christmas," Robert Sheeran, vice president for facilities, said.

Previously, lamp poles throughout campus have been wrapped in lights, but this year there is more emphasis on lighting the landscape of campus, including the crab apple tree in front of the Gallagher Student Center.

Everyone in the Xavier com-

munity is welcome to decorate the campus.

"If you come out, we will find something for you to decorate," Dziedzic said.

The holiday lights hung throughout campus bring the comfort of home for many students right before the end of the fall semester.

"I think students should come out and help to give back to their fellow students," Dziedzic said.

Besides introducing a new tradition, the older tradition of the tree-lighting ceremony during a Xavier Christmas will still occur

December 3. Along with many other activities, children from local elementary schools will participate in the special lighting ceremony of the blue spruce tree on the Xavier Yard dedicated to Sally Watson, Xavier's former assistant to the vice president for student development and the director of orientation.

Students can sign up to attend the "Light the Campus" event on OrgSync. For more information about the event, direct your questions to Molly Dugan at duganm@xavier.edu or Dziedzic at dziedzica@xavier.edu.



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SGA and Provost's office will host "Light the Campus" in place of Xavier's traditional decorations, which were not put up due to budgetary cutbacks.

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News in Brief
Compiled by Andrew Koch

Death toll rises in the Philippines

Nearly 4,000 people in the Philippines have died in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan, with another 1,600 people missing. The storm, one of the strongest on record, made landfall on Nov. 7, causing an estimated \$4.1 billion in damage and displacing millions of people.

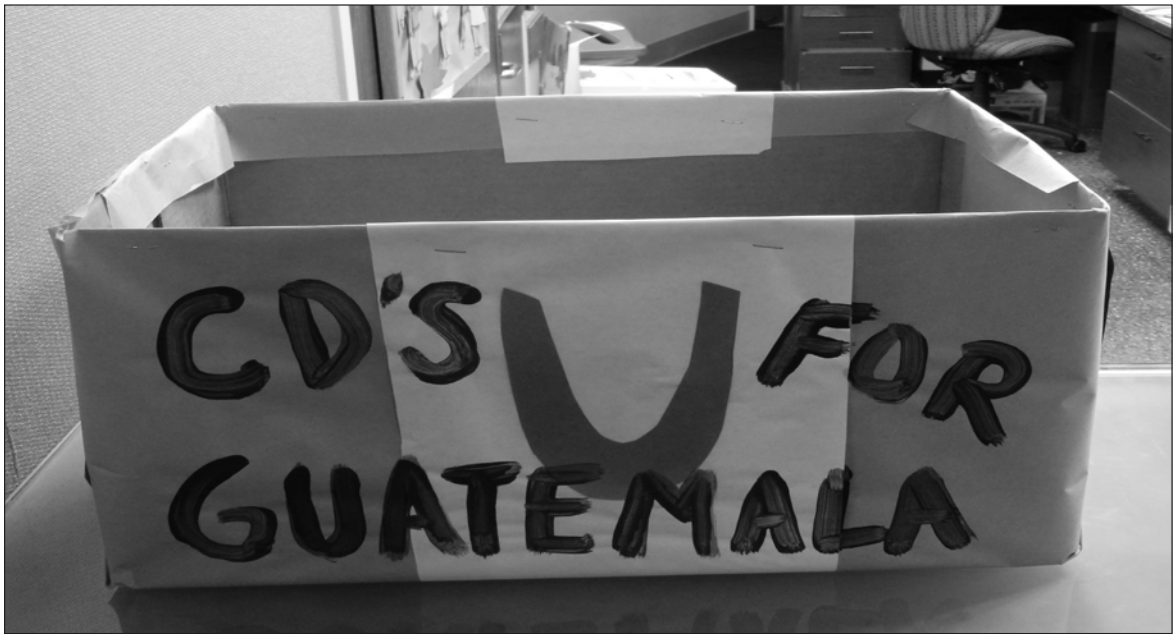
Virginia lawmaker stabbed in home

Virginia state senator Creigh Deeds is in serious condition after being stabbed multiple times in his home in Millboro, Va. Officials suspect his son, 24-year-old Austin “Gus” Deeds, of attacking the senator before fatally shooting himself.

Former Bengals player killed

Former NFL linebacker Thomas Howard, 30, was killed in a car crash on Nov. 18 in Oakland, Ca. Howard played for the Cincinnati Bengals in the 2011 season, starting in 15 of 16 games before being traded to the Atlanta Falcons. He was released by the Falcons earlier this month.

Center for Interfaith Community Engagement hosts CD drive for student mission trip to Guatemala



Newswire photo by Mac Schroeder

The “CDs for Guatemala” drive raises money for a student mission trip to Solola, Guatemala, over spring break.

By GINA CARFAGNO
Staff Writer

The Center for Interfaith Community Engagement is running a CD drive to benefit 12 students majoring in health services going on a medical mission trip to Guatemala over spring break.

The CD drive will take place from now until late February, leading up to the trip.

Donation drop-off boxes are located at the Gallagher Student Center (GSC) welcome desk, the Connection Center desks in the University Library and Conotan Learning Commons, the front lobby of Cohen and the entrances to Bellarmine Chapel and the

Hoff Dining Commons.

For every donated CD, President Fr. Michael Graham, S.J., has pledged to donate one of his own CDs from his personal collection.

The collected CDs will be sold and the money will help fundraise for the \$50,000 trip. Students should expect to see other fundraisers for this trip this semester, including the Nearly Naked Mile on Nov. 21.

The registration fee for the Nearly Naked Mile is \$15 and will include an event t-shirt. Registration will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 21 outside GSC, and the race will start at 8 p.m.

The medical mission trip serves the Mayan community in Solola, which has very little access to medical care and will benefit from the service of Xavier students who are majoring in health services such as pre-med, nursing, optometry and occupational therapy. The trip will be led by Rabbi Abie Ingber and program assistant Stephanie Renny.

If students do not have CDs to donate, they are encouraged to participate in other fundraisers or donate money. For more information, visit the Center for Interfaith Community Engagement in GSC room 340 or email Ingber at ingbera@xavier.edu.

SAC hosts Mr. Muskie Pageant

By LAUREN YOUNG
Staff Writer

Sophomore Joe Caputi took home the title of “Mr. Muskie” after winning the Student Activities Council’s Mr. Muskie Pageant last week in the Gallagher Student Center Theatre.

Junior Nate O’Brien was the runner-up, and third place went to sophomore C.J. Montante.

Roughly \$400 was raised and donated to Caputi’s charity of choice, the Heart of Camden. The organization is based in Camden, New Jersey, Caputi’s home state. According to the organization’s website, its mission is, “to improve the quality of life for the children of the neighborhood of Waterfront South by providing safe, decent (and) affordable housing for families.”

“The event went really well, people really enjoyed it. The boys all did a dance to a mash-up of songs and the audience loved that,” junior Laura Birkhead, emcee of the event, said.

Each contestant showcased a personal talent during the contest. Caputi sang “New York, New York,” originally performed by Frank Sinatra. O’Brien played the saxophone and Montante did a dance from the movie “Little Miss Sunshine.”

Archbishop to visit Xavier’s Holy Hour

By MADDIE DAY
Staff Writer

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of the Cincinnati Archdiocese will visit Xavier this Friday for a night of worship and reflection.

The event is sponsored by Life After Sunday, a student organization that works to integrate the Catholic faith in individuals’ daily lives and build the community.

The club chose the name “Life After Sunday” as a way to remind students that partaking in the Catholic faith means more than just attending Sunday mass.

The Holy Hour will feature a brief talk from Schnurr, student-performed worship music, traditional Latin chants and time for self-reflection and individual prayer.

A small reception will follow the event, along with an informal question-and-answer session with Schnurr.

All Xavier students (not just those who are Catholic) are encouraged to attend this Friday’s event.

Life After Sunday hopes the event will bring peace of mind to

the Xavier community and give students the opportunity to “re-ground themselves in their faith as they approach the hectic end of the year,” Elizabeth Behran, the club’s president, said.

The event will give students the ability to apply their faith in a practical setting and connect with the universal Church.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 22 in Bellarmine Chapel.

Life After Sunday meets at 9:30 p.m. every Monday in the Bellarmine activity room.

The club offers praying of the Rosary at 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Bellarmine side chapel. Life After Sunday also offers confession at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and group Bible study at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Center for Faith and Justice reflection room.

Life After Sunday hopes that events like Holy Hour with the Archbishop will help to provide members of the Xavier community with more practical ways to apply their Catholic faith.

For more information on this event and the organization, contact lifeaftersunday@xavier.edu.



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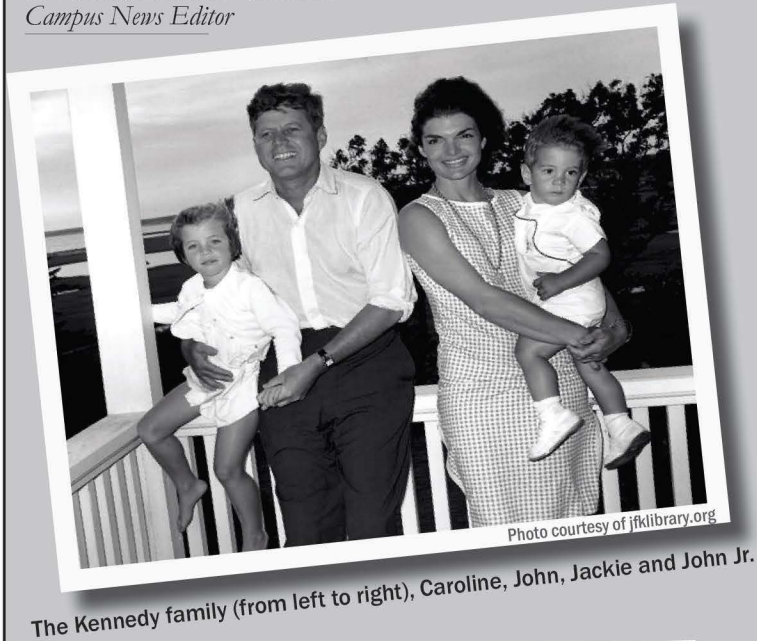


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‘PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATED’

Nation remembers 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s assassination

BY MEREDITH FRANCIS
Campus News Editor



The Kennedy family (from left to right), Caroline, John, Jackie and John Jr.

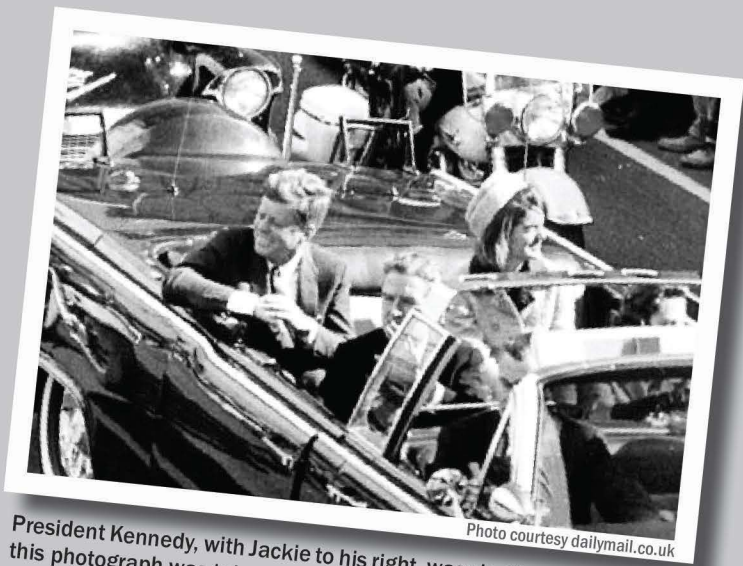
This Friday marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The anniversary has prompted various movies, documentaries and even a display in Xavier’s library to commemorate one of the most influential moments in American history.

On Nov. 22, 1963, Kennedy arrived in Dallas, Texas to clear, sunny skies. At 12:30 p.m. CST, Lee Harvey Oswald shot at Kennedy’s open-air limousine, hitting the president in the neck and head as his wife Jackie sat beside him. A bullet also struck Texas Gov. John Connally in the seat in front of Kennedy.

About 45 minutes later, CBS anchor Walter Cronkite famously removed his glasses and told the nation, “From Dallas, Texas, the flash apparently official: President Kennedy died at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time.”

Several conspiracies still surround Kennedy’s assassination. Some claim the CIA, Fidel Castro, the Mafia, Texas oil companies or several others may have orchestrated the killing.

The recent National Geographic television movie, “Killing Kennedy” featuring Rob Lowe as Kennedy, is one of the many recent looks at the complexities behind the 35th president. The film also examines Lee Harvey Oswald’s role in the assassination, siding with the Warren Commission’s report that Oswald acted alone. Fifty years later, there is still great interest and mystery surrounding Kennedy’s life and death.



President Kennedy, with Jackie to his right, was shot just moments after this photograph was taken. He was then rushed to Parkland Hospital.



CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite updated the nation in what is now a historic broadcast as early reports came in that President Kennedy had died.



Lyndon B. Johnson is sworn in on Air Force One with Jackie Kennedy to his right. She was still wearing the pink Chanel suit that had her husband’s blood on it. “I want them to see what they have done to Jack,” she said.

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Nov. 11, 1:03 p.m. – An employee reported damage to the storage shed behind Joseph Hall.

Nov. 12, 10:47 p.m. – An intoxicated student walking the fence line in the Alumni Lot was cited for underage consumption and transported back to his or her room.

Nov. 12, 11:07 p.m. – Cincinnati Fire and Rescue transported an intoxicated underage student to Good Samaritan Hospital.

Nov. 12, 11:36 p.m. – Xavier Police, Cincinnati Fire and Rescue and Residence Life responded to a fire alarm in Brockman Hall. Food burning in a microwave activated the alarm.

Nov. 13, 6:45 p.m. – An employee reported damage to the restrooms in Cohen Hall.

Nov. 14, 9:06 a.m. – An employee reported damage to a workroom in the art department in Cohen Hall.

Nov. 14, 9:47 p.m. – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a room search in Kuhlman Hall. A small amount of drug paraphernalia was confiscated.

Nov. 15, 12:34 a.m. – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a room search in Fenwick Place. A small amount of drug paraphernalia was confiscated.

Nov. 15, 12:58 – An intoxicated student standing in the intersection of Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway was cited for underage consumption and was transported back to his or her room.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Urine the wrong restroom.

Nov. 15, 8:31 p.m. – An intoxicated student using the wrong restroom during the basketball game in Cintas Center was cited for disorderly conduct and transported home.

Nov. 15, 8:12 p.m. – A subject soliciting tickets in the C-2 Lot for the basketball game was advised to leave campus.

Nov. 15, 8:14 p.m. – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police with a prisoner search at the Norwood headquarters. A bag of heroine was confiscated.

Nov. 16, 3:45 a.m. – Xavier Police, Cincinnati Fire and Rescue and Residence Life checked on an intoxicated student vomiting into a trash can at Fenwick Place. Medics determined the student was okay to return to his or her room.

Nov. 17, 1:46 a.m. – Two students pushing each other in a grocery cart in the C-2 Lot were cited for underage consumption.

Nov. 17, 2:04 a.m. – An intoxicated underage student found passed out in the Norwood Plaza parking lot was transported to his or her room. Note: The student was extremely belligerent, uncooperative and had to be physically restrained.

Fischer twins lead XUXC

By Chris Behler
Staff Writer

This past weekend the Xavier men's and women's cross country teams participated in the Great Lakes Regional meet in Madison, Wisc.

The men finished 26th overall with junior Corey Zielinski leading the way, finishing 119th in 33:19.

Junior Connor Buchholz (133rd, 33:32), senior Spencer Liechty (137th, 33:35) and freshmen Carter Macey (150th, 33:48) and Aaron Peterson (156th 34:10) followed right behind Zielinski to seal a top-30 finish.

In addition to the men's strong finish, the women accomplished their team goal of finishing 10th overall.

Senior Clare Fischer led the team with an 18th-place finish overall and a personal best of 20:47.

The 10th place finish for the women was an all-time best at a regional meet. Fischer's performance last weekend earned her a spot in this weekend's National Championship meet.

"Making the finals of the NCAA Championship has been a long-term goal that Clare has been working towards for the past three years and one that she's come close to accomplishing in both track and cross country," head coach Ryan Orner said.

"As one of the 38 individuals selected to compete in the finals of the NCAA Cross Country Championship, Clare has distinguished herself as an elite college distance runner," Orner said.

Additionally, her sister senior Abby Fischer finished 44th with a time of 21:30.

Junior Audrey Ramos finished in 64th with a time of 21:53, while sophomore Sarah Mazzei and senior Jessica Albers crossed the finish line within a second of one another, finishing 73rd and 74th, respectively.

Upcoming for the cross country programs is the NCAA Championship where Clare Fischer will compete at noon this Saturday at Indiana State.

Meet Rerun

- Men's Results**
XU finished no. 26
- 119. Corey Zielinski (33:19)
 - 133. Connor Bucholz (33:32)
 - 137. Spencer Liechty (33:35)
 - 150. Carter Macey (33:48)
 - 156. Aaron Peterson (34:10)

- Women's Results**
XU finished no. 10
- 18. Clare Fischer (20:47)
 - 44. Abby Fischer (21:30)
 - 64. Audrey Ramos (21:53)
 - 73. Sarah Mazzei (22:00)
 - 74. Jessica Albers (22:01)

XU men's basketball continues hot start

By Nick McGill
Staff Writer

The Xavier basketball team once again overpowered its opponent in a 76-59 win over the Morehead State Eagles Friday night at Cintas Center.

Xavier's record improved to 3-0 for the sixth straight season. At the outset of the game, the two teams battled back and forth, trading the lead until Xavier went on a 12-0 run and then another run of 14-2 to gain a halftime lead of 38-23.



Sophomore guard Semaj Christon drives past an Eagles defender. Christon scored 20 points on Friday.

For the third straight game, Xavier held its opponents to less than 25 points in the first half.

For most of the game, the refs were not hesitant to blow their whistles, leading to a total of 56 fouls between the two teams.

In the second half, Xavier continued to hold the Eagles' offensive attack at bay and hold a comfortable lead.

The Musketeers thrived on transition opportunities, scoring 22 fast-break points including an exciting alley-oop in transition on a connection from junior guard Dee Davis to freshman forward Jalen Reynolds.

Feeding off of an impressive defensive performance, the Musketeers outplayed the Eagles in front of the home crowd.

Xavier ended up shooting 52.8 percent (28-53) from the field including a vast improvement at the free-throw line shooting 70 percent (21-30) after struggling to cash in at the charity stripe in its previous two games.

The Musketeers also dropped an impressive 50 points in the paint. The difference maker in the game proved to be the aggressive defense that held Morehead State to shoot only 29.2 percent (14-48) from the field.

Of the Eagles' 59 total points, 24 came at the free throw line.



Freshman forward Jalen Reynolds blocks a Morehead St. shot. XU won 76-59.

The strong defensive presence of the Xavier big men allowed only 16 points in the paint.

Sophomore guard Semaj Christon bucketed 20 points to record his 22nd straight double-digit scoring game. Dee Davis made his first appearance of the season after sitting out the first two games with an injury and scored seven points while adding nine assists and five rebounds.

Other top performers included junior center Matt Stainbrook with seven points and 10 rebounds and Reynolds with 11 points and six rebounds. Once again, with the exception of Christon's 20 points, Xavier had a balanced scoring attack in route to its 17-point victory.

With Friday night's victory, the

Xavier basketball team has given fans many things to be excited about, and the Musketeers could be showing glimpses of a promising season.

Xavier is set to face Miami (Ohio) on Wednesday and Abilene Christian on Monday (both at home) before heading to the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament.

After being off of most experts' radars at the beginning of the season, these three victories have harnessed the attention of the country and have earned the Musketeers votes in the AP Top 25 poll.

With a few more consecutive wins, it could be only a matter of time before Xavier is heralded as one of the Top 25 teams in the country.

Women's volleyball aims for Big East title

By Robert Jamieson
Staff Writer

Xavier completed its home schedule over the weekend at Cintas Center with a pair of wins over Villanova and Georgetown.

The two wins kept Xavier in the hunt for a possible share of the Big East regular season title with Marquette. The Musketeers will need to hope for some losses from the Golden Eagles for a tie for first place, however, as XU is still two games back in the Big East standings.

Xavier started off the weekend with a four-set win over Villanova (25-19, 24-26, 25-12, 25-19).

Outside hitters freshman Abbey Bessler, senior Sarah Brown and sophomore Makayla Agin all recorded double-digit kills in the match to lead the way for XU.

After splitting the first two sets, Xavier took control. The Musketeers dominated the Wildcats in the third set with a score of 25-12. The fourth set proved to be much closer,

however.

With the score knotted up at 16 points apiece, Xavier scored the next four points and went on to close out the set and the match.

Bessler notched her 19th double-double of the season with a team-high 18 kills and 16 digs.

Brown had a double-double as well, with 14 kills and a team-high 20 digs. Brown's 20 digs give her 1,159 all-time at Xavier, a mark that ranks 10th in the record books. Saturday's win against Georgetown (25-22, 25-16, 24-19) made for a special day for Xavier, especially head coach Mike Johnson and Xavier's three seniors: Brown, outside hitter Kelsey Dunaway and middle blocker Alex Smith.

With this being his fourth year as head coach, this group marks Johnson's first four-year graduating class.

After the game, coach Johnson expressed how much this class has meant to the program.

"We talk often of the differ-

ence of success and significance. From the standpoint of success, I am proud to say that this group has become the third in Xavier history to win 20 matches every year of their career."

"Their impact in terms of significance, though, is immeasurable. They left a mark on this place that will be felt for years to come," he said.

Xavier took care of the Hoyas in three sets with some familiar faces leading the way.

Bessler added another double-double, her 20th of the season, while junior setter Aubree Smith

had 37 assists in the match.

As stated above, this pair of victories gives Xavier a chance to earn a share of the Big East regular season crown with Marquette.

Xavier will need to beat Marquette and DePaul this coming weekend and will also need Marquette to lose its following game against Butler.

While it may be unlikely that both of these things happen, a win against Marquette would definitely give XU some momentum going into the Big East tournament in Omaha, Neb. and give the Musketeers second place outright.



Seniors Brown, Dunaway and Smith (left to right) were honored on Saturday.

Women's swimming speeds past Bulldogs

By Nikhil Jelaji
Staff Writer

The Xavier women's swim team won its second meet in two days, taking down the Butler University Bulldogs 74-52 at O'Connor Sports Center on Saturday afternoon.

The Musketeers' 200 medley relay started the afternoon with a small margin of victory. Junior Jacquelyn Misanik, sophomore Haley Dresner, senior Lynn Brotherton and junior Carly Davis

won by a narrow four-tenths of a second. Sophomore Molly Kroeger and freshman Mikaela Saugsted won the 2x500 free relay. The two Musketeers teamed up for a time of 10:41.98. Freshman Taylor Jach won the 200 free against the Bulldogs after winning the 1000 free on Friday against Tiffin University.

Misanik, junior Carolyn Stewart and sophomore Kristen Liebert brought home a victory in the 3x50 backstroke relay.

Desner, junior Maddie Day and freshman Hanna Martin followed with first place in the 3x50 breaststroke relay.

The Musketeers also received first-place efforts by freshman Sarah Stone in the 200 fly and sophomore Claire Brolsma in the 50 free, Jach in the 100 free, Stewart in the 200 back and Martin in the 200 breast.

Day, Kroeger, freshman Heidi Turner and sophomore Mackenna Rife won the 500 free relay.

The final victory for the Musketeers came from junior Kelsie Johns, Stone and senior Olivia Wilkes in the 3x50 butterfly relay.

The Xavier men's and women's swim teams also beat Tiffin as the men won with a score of 81-36, while the women won with a score of 78-28.

Xavier will be back in action on Nov. 22-24 as they partake in the Cleveland State Invitational in Cleveland.

Women’s basketball strong in big wins

BY DANNY O’MALLEY
Staff Writer

The Xavier women’s basketball team had an impressive week, playing at University of Michigan and then hosting Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

The team won a hard-fought victory in overtime against

Michigan 79-75 and also won against Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Cintas Center 69-39. The team’s record now stands at 2-1 under new head coach Brian Neal.

In the Michigan game, senior guard Shatyra Hawkes put up a career high 27 points and also added five assists, six rebounds and a

steal to her stat line.

Coming up behind her in points was senior guard Ashley Wanninger who recorded 21 points, shot 44 percent from behind the arc, hauled in seven rebounds and was perfect from the free throw line making all five shots.

Freshman forward Leah Schaefer tied Wanninger for most minutes played with 39 and also led the team in rebounds with nine.

As a team, the Musketeers shot a 90 percent from the free throw line, making 18 of their 20 shot attempts.

“Over the last two or three days we’ve become a lot tougher and a lot more mentally focused and that showed up on the defensive end today,” Neal said about the win at Michigan.

In the game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Wanninger was the team leader offensively with 17 points, four assists and even added seven rebounds.

Behind Wanninger was Hawkes with 13 points, three assists and seven rebounds. The team received some help off the bench from sophomore guard Aliyah Zantt who put up 10 points, two assists, two steals and two rebounds.

As a team, Xavier shot 74 percent from the free throw line and 31 percent in field goals from the floor. The Xavier women’s basketball team plays Longwood at home on Thursday and then travels to the Virgin Islands to play Duke, Kansas and Central Michigan in the 2013 Paradise Jam.



Senior guard Ashley Wanninger helped lead Xavier to two big wins this week, averaging 19 ppg in the XU victories.

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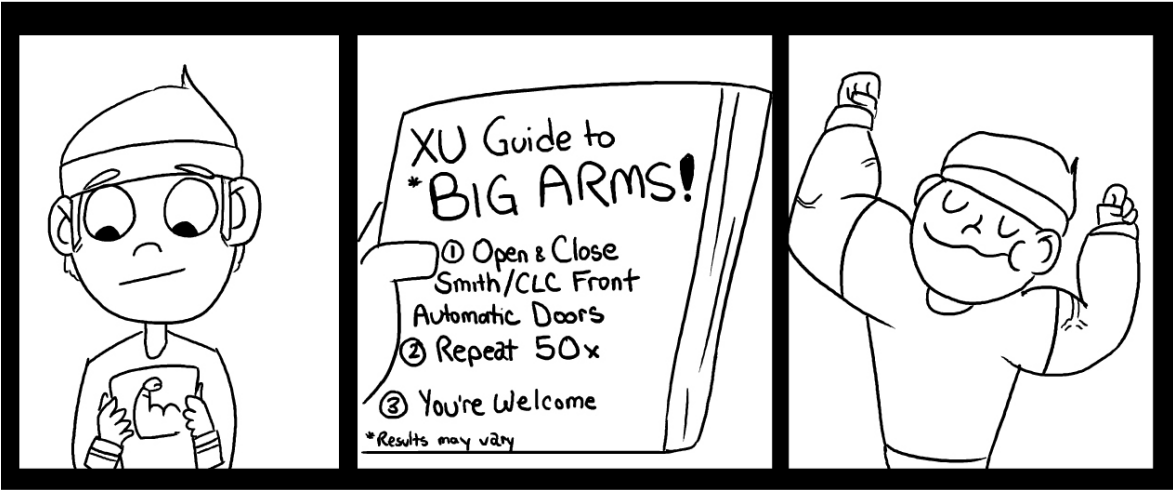
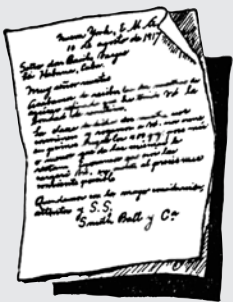
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Staff Editorial: Black Thursday is the ultimate Thanksgiving experience

Somehow, in the course of the last decade, Thanksgiving has markedly changed. In contrast with the long, tranquil Thanksgiving weekends of years past spent with friends and family, this year we are ready to embrace an emerging, but super fun and trendy new activity: Black Thursday.

Yes, the emergence of Cyber Monday was all the rage only a few years ago, but as poor college students and often employees of those big box stores, we could not be more excited about Black Thursday. Instead of embracing the darkness of the back of our eyelids during a food coma and watching football with our families, we are quite thrilled to feel the pounding footsteps of thousands of overjoyed shoppers looking for the very best deals as stores will open on Thursday night.

Since almost all papers are due the day before Thanksgiving break, we feel liberated by our privilege to help people buy more stuff they do not need. Indeed, Black Thursday is an affirming aspect of our beautiful American culture, which never indulges in excessive spending and buying.

There is nothing better than racing to get the last Playstation Four or jumping out of the way as the crowd floods in to seize the day (and the great deals). We feel much more fulfilled when we are helping someone purchase an iPad for their 13-year-old daughter than when we are enjoying the presence of the friends and family we see so rarely.

After all, holidays are centered around the material, not the intangible, right?

Staff Talk: What is your favorite family dish during the holidays?



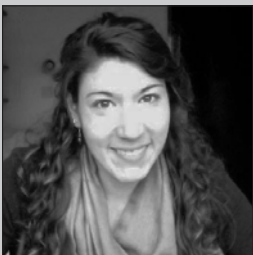
Andrew Koch:
Zucchini Bread

Sabrina Brown:
Latkes (Jewish potato pancakes)



Hollis Conners:
Sweet potatoes

Meredith Francis:
Broccoli casserole



Katherine Colborn:
Irish whiskey cake

Taylor Fulkerson:
Oyster stuffing



Tim Wilmes:
Jello Salad

Patrick Phillips:
My mom's Frisch's pumpkin pie



First Amendment to the United States' Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Marriage equality: a different perspective

The fight for marriage equality across the Union has grown significantly in the last decade and stands as an extension of the fight for homosexual rights reaching back to the Stonewall Riots in 1969. The recent movement attracts not only homosexuals but also the rapidly growing and fervent following of “allies.” The equality of marriage for all couples, heterosexual and homosexual, has become not only a civil rights issue of equality but also a moral question of how we think of others and the institutions that help to define our society.

The perspective I am about to postulate is only offered as food for thought. My purpose here is only to play the devil’s advocate and provide a different outlook on what many are calling the issue of our generation.

Proponents of marriage equality argue that this is a human rights question of equality, that all persons deserve the right to share in the institution of marriage and all benefits derived from it. Opponents of marriage equal-

ity argue that the redefinition of marriage is a threat to tradition and culture surrounding one of the oldest human institutions.

Proponents also argue that marriage equality is yet another step in the battle for total civil rights and, like the civil rights movement of the ’50s and ’60s, is a natural progression that will occur with or without our intervention. Opponents further argue that such redefinition only opens the floodgates for further, potentially unnatural, change. The argument of the opposition boils down to: “where does it — redefinition — stop?” The most popular, and silly, example of this is: “when will marriage next be redefined so that a man can marry his dog?”

Ludicrous as this generalization may be, the conservative opponents have a point: the fight for marriage equality *is* a fight for redefinition. And there’s nothing wrong with that, which brings me to my perspective: while there is a natural social progression towards tolerance and equality, the fight for marriage equality is in fact a

redefinition of marriage. Both parties have a point, and both are guilty of righteous indignation.

Marriage has been redefined at least half a dozen times throughout human history given our cultural needs and scientific understanding.

Marriage equality is about societal redefinition of marriage.

Andrew Del Bene

Marriage was once a system of wealth and property transfer between a father and his son-in-law. Marriage was once a system of ensuring and defining the parentage of legitimate children. Marriage also existed at one time for the sole purpose of procreation.

Today, those needs and understandings have changed. Marriage

is no longer a system of property transfer because of women’s equality. An understanding of genetics enables us to determine the paternity and legitimacy of any child regardless of marital status. Finally, with roughly seven billion people on this planet, the continued longevity of humanity through procreation is no longer an issue.

So while opponents of marriage equality are guilty of digging their heels in and standing behind what is actually an evolving definition of what they believe to be an ancient and tightly-defined institution, so are the proponents by claiming that marriage equality will just happen eventually.

My point: why can’t the supporters of marriage equality just take this for what it is? Fighting from the perspective of civil rights and human equality is all well and good. But wouldn’t the supporters of marriage equality completely undermine their opponents by also understanding this as a fight over definition and use the above points on marriage

to demonstrate the fallacy of “tradition” and “custom” which their opponents so freely employ?

While most believe the fight for marriage equality is largely won in the U.S., proponents of marriage equality still stand to gain from acknowledging this perspective of acceptable redefinition. If they acknowledge the natural evolution of human institutions, they could pave the way for resolution of future conflicts between tradition and progress.



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Reflecting on the Church’s role in society

In Illinois last week, Bishop Paprocki of the Springfield Diocese announced that he plans to offer prayers for “exorcism in reparation for the sin of same-sex marriage” on Nov. 20 as Governor Patrick Quinn signs into law an act that legalizes marriage equality. Besides the fact that this is insensitive to the LGBTQ community, I find this political stunt to be deeply problematic.

This week is an appropriate time to reflect on the role of the Catholic Church in society: scripture readings for the mass this time of year flirt more with apocalyptic themes, quotes from Pope Francis are an ever-abundant source for reflection, but this week is also an anniversary. Twenty-four years ago, six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered in San Salvador at the end of the Salvadoran civil war.

These six Jesuits, living in the midst of social turmoil and terror, were committed to educating students and the nation at large about the national reality. By being scholars, they also defended those who were victims of oppression.

They employed the talk of human rights in their quest to defend the Salvadoran Church and her suffering people.

These men were part of what I call the courageous Church. They spoke out not to secure their position or the Church’s position in society but rather to defend the people of the Church. They privileged the human person over an institution.

I find it disconcerting how some American bishops have acted in the past few years. I do not mean to say that they are wrong. Frankly, on some of the issues they highlight, I prefer to remain silent. But I do want to point out who is harmed by their discourse.

In the case of Paprocki, he seems to be doing more harm than good. A same-sex marriage does me no moral injury. Really, Catholics have heard about the moral implications of homosexual acts plenty of times; we know the Church’s stance.

In the meantime, Paprocki offends the American populace. He knows that we live in a pluralistic society and that his attempt to

make a political statement implicates non-Catholics, including many who do not share his view on the constitution of the human person.

I do not desire to see more criticism of bishops. In fact, I am often perturbed by how split our Church seems to be. I don’t

Many U.S. Catholics seem to be in need of hope.

Taylor Fulkerson

believe there is such a thing as conservative Catholics and liberal Catholics. That is not the meaning of Church. Our faith should inform our politics, not the other way around. Nor should we paint this as a difference between the hierarchy and the laity, with parish pastors caught somewhere in

between. That would be a patently false distinction.

I do desire, however, to see a more courageous Church, both in how bishops and laity attempt to live a genuine, public Catholic faith.

I acknowledge that Church leadership has attempted some realistic goals, such as pushing immigration reform through Congress, even though it is an imperfect solution. On the other hand, as Pope Francis has pointed out, the bishops remained fixated on tired issues like abortion when abolishing the death penalty might be a more realistic goal. I do not mean to say that abortion is an unimportant issue, but could we not try to be more pragmatic? And does it not get mired down in the same problem that Paprocki faces now — that his political ideas affect non-Catholics as well?

Indeed, I think we need to draw inspiration from history and focus on being a more courageous Church — one that attempts to lift up all of those who are marginalized instead of fighting in excess to defend the institution.

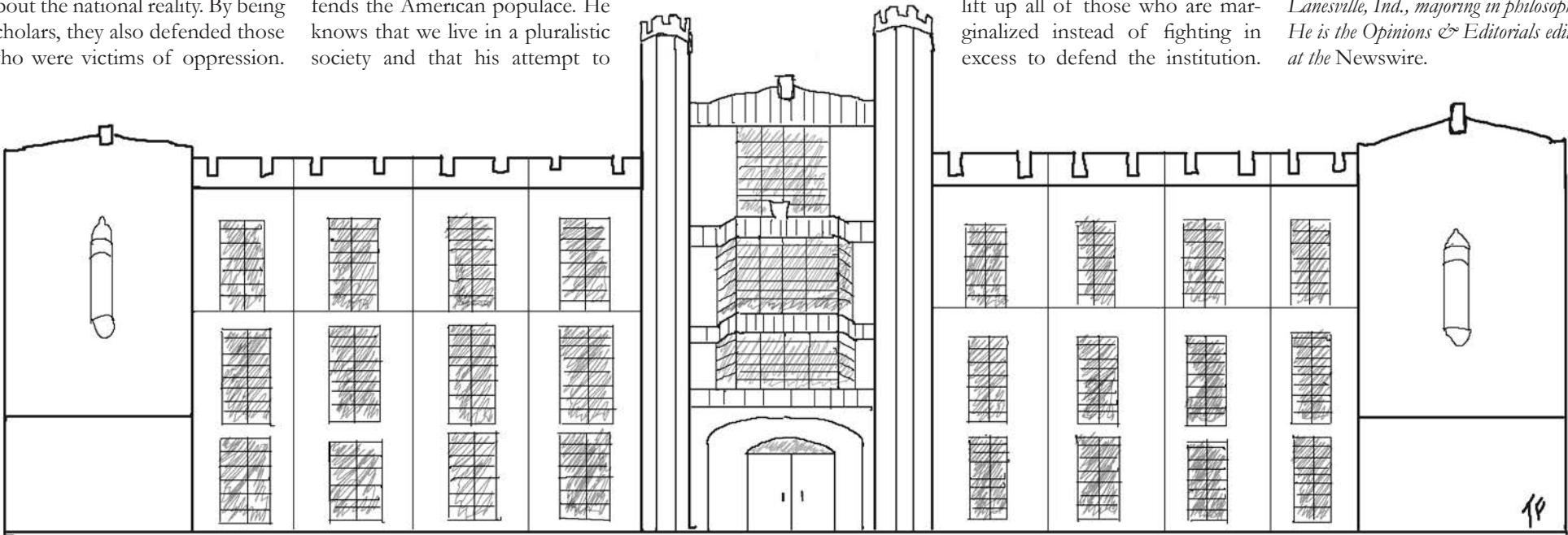
If we respect all members of the body, it will be healthy.

Perhaps, even, this would mean that bishops would govern more in the style of Pope Francis, though I cannot say for sure. This, however, is for sure: many U.S. Catholics seem to be in need of hope in a time when government does not take care of us and political progress seems stagnant.

Maybe the community that is the Church can offer that, but not with offensive political stunts that fail to respect everyone.



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November 20, 2013 **Arts&Entertainment**Edited by: Patrick E. Phillips
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Athenaeum Coffeehouse Night celebrates student creativity

BY LYDIA ROGERS
Staff Writer

Xavier students showcased their creative talents at the Athenaeum Coffeehouse Night in Gallagher Student Center atrium.

Xavier Athenaeum hosted the event on Nov. 13 in promotion

of the annual publication of the university's literary journal, which features original poetry, short stories and graphic artwork by current Xavier students in order to celebrate the creative work of the Xavier community.

Xavier Athenaeum aimed to highlight the importance of expression through personal creativity and held the event as an opportunity to encourage students to submit works to be published in the journal's 2013-14 issue.

Students and faculty indulged in free tea, coffee and cookies while they watched and listened to students

perform spoken word, music pieces and creative prose.

There were performances from Xavier's A caBellas and Harmon-X, followed by an open-mic portion, in which students signed up to display their creativity.

"I had a great time watching some really talented Xavier students perform and even overcame my own stage fright," Coffeehouse Night participant Samantha Meza said.

Meza performed three original slam poetry pieces during the event.

"Even though I was super nervous, the crowd was incredibly supportive and encouraging. It was nice to see students cheering each other on and sharing their talents."

"The night was a ton of fun," Coffeehouse Night performer Jake Tancer said.

Tancer sang with Harmon-X and performed two solo songs.

"I think it gives a lot of visibil-



Photo courtesy of facebook.com

Junior Jake Tancer performing "Hey Ya" during the coffeehouse night event.

ity to all the incredible artist we have at Xavier. It was definitely a great time and a good thing."

The performances from Wednesday's Coffeehouse Night were filmed and are now posted on

the Xavier Athenaeum YouTube channel.

For those who are interested in submitting pieces for the next Athenaeum publication, works are due to Orgsync on Dec. 22.



NewsWire photo Andrew Koch

Sam Meza performing her slam poetry during the event.

Xavier University Singers readies its upcoming "Time Warp" production

BY ALEX SPINDLER
Staff Writer

Xavier University Singers is a unique group of 12-14 students who sing, dance and perform with a live band circling around a distinct theme each semester.

In order to learn more about the club and to fuel anticipation for its next show, the Xavier *Newswire* sat down with senior Zachary Julian, one of the members of this performing arts group.

Xavier Newswire (XN): How does the group decide on a theme and then compile a show revolving around that?

Zachary Julian (ZJ): There are many things which influence our show's theme every semester.

Danny Manning, our director, knows what's best for the group and caters to the students. We like to have a lot of different styles for our show.

The theme this year is "'80s Time Warp," so we will have hair groups, girl bands and so much more.

Our theme has reflected many decades in the past like the '60s and '70s, and doing the '80s was a great choice.

XN: What kind of music can we expect to hear at the show in December?

ZJ: There will definitely be

crowd favorites and hits that everyone will recognize.

We will have songs from '80s movies and some less-known songs.

For instance, our opener is a medley of Ghostbusters and Danger Zone.

We will also feature artists like Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson and Madonna.

XN: What does Singers mean to you?

ZJ: I first fell in love with the live-music experience and how different the club was from any other club.

I love being a part of something like that. The mixture of solos, dances, ensemble numbers – it's something that you don't see everywhere.

I love this group with all my heart. I want the Xavier population to know and understand and love it as much as I do.

XN: Tell me about the members of

your club.

ZN: We lost five seniors after last year. It's been a challenge trying to replace all of them for this year.

Gaining the first year and sophomore talent for this year has changed the group in a different yet awesome direction.

With different people, you have different talents and specialties.

The direction that we are going is for the better.

The Singers show will run at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 and at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Gallagher Student Center Theatre.

Tickets bought in advance will be \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

Tickets purchased at the door will be \$7 for students and \$12 for adults.

The group will also host an all-day fundraiser at Currito on Wednesday, Nov. 20.



Photo courtesy of facebook.com

Xavier graduate Lisa Bachmann and Zachary Julian performing in Xavier University Singers' Fall 2012 "Mad World."

American Sign Language comedian Keith Wann performs at Xavier

By KATHERINE COLBORN
Managing Editor

To the delight of many individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing or friends of the Deaf community, Keith Wann performed two comedy shows in Gallagher Student Center Theatre on Saturday at an event hosted by IDEA@X, the Deaf culture club on campus.

Wann is a comedian who performs primarily in American Sign Language (ASL).

Although he is hearing, he is the child of two Deaf adults (commonly referred to as a CODA) and sign language is his first language.

Xavier provided two professional interpreters to voice for Wann through both shows so that it was accessible to those who are not fluent in ASL.

Wann performed twice throughout the course of the day, giving his PG-rated version of the show at 4 p.m. and his R-rated version at 7 p.m., each show running almost two hours.

A dinner was provided in between shows and served nearly 80 people.

The two audiences consisted of people from around Ohio and Indiana, including ASL students

and instructors from University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati State and Sinclair University.

“Each show nearly sold out,” Michele Bailes, IDEA@X advisor and director of Deaf studies, said. “We sold over 325 tickets to each performance.”

Wann’s performance was side-splitting. Wann’s comedy focused on stories about growing up as a hearing child in a Deaf family, doing entertaining impressions of his parents, his classmates and ASL students.

The show was by nature very visual, and Wann utilized word (or rather, sign) play in many of his jokes.

“It took so much planning. The (IDEA@X club) board’s been working really hard on this all semester,” Paula Vogelpohl, a member of IDEA@X, said.

“He really bridged the gap between the hearing and Deaf communities. He said some things that only hearing people might be able to enjoy but also used signs and gestures that I know we did not enjoy as much as the Deaf community did.”

IDEA@X hopes to bring Wann back to Xavier again next



Photo courtesy of Michele Bailes

Comedian Keith Wann performing in the Gallagher Student Center Theatre.

year to do a workshop that would focus on ASL and the arts available to ASL students and teachers in the area.

“He was a really nice guy, even though he was exhausted from the two shows.

Afterwards, we all went to Max

& Erma’s and hung out. That’s just how the Deaf community is — very close-knit and social,” Vogelpohl said.

If you have any interest in joining IDEA@X or in the new Deaf studies minor, contact Michele Bailes at baileism@xavier.edu.

Reduced Shakespeare Company sparks laughter but may not be for all audiences

By ALEX SPINDLER
Staff Writer

The renowned Reduced Shakespeare Company both delighted and enthralled in its newest “reduced” compilation show entitled “The Complete History of Comedy (abridged).”

This dynamic trio, comprised of actors Dominic Conti, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, presented at Cincinnati’s Playhouse in the Park an abridged history of the art of comedy as it was handed down through the ages.

A vaudevillian show by nature, the performance prominently showcased the group’s famous slapstick, fast-paced humor combining verbal and physical stunts with non-stop energy and charisma.

This nonsensical, hilarious farce delivered punch line after punch line.

Each actor showed off his acting chops with multiple costume changes, accents, voices and stamina that encompassed the telling of all factions of comedy.

Starting from the ancient Chinese and Greek tragedies and leading up to contemporary comedians like Chris Rock and Tina Fey, the trio both mocked and



Photo courtesy of cincyplay.com

Austin Tichenor uses puppets in “The Complete History of Shakespeare Abridged.”

paid homage to the line of comic influences that have since led up to modern notions of what is and isn’t funny.

That being said, the material seemed to connect well only with portions of the audience.

There were many instances

where lowbrow and even offensive jokes regarding political slander, human excrement and racial stereotypes did not beget a pleasant reaction.

Despite all attempts to disclaim its opinions regarding race, religion and sexual orientation,

the group’s more controversial material simply did not land well and made for awkward moments of silence.

Needless to say, such jokes led to some disdain by audience members — a miscalculated stroke of comedy for what appeared to be sensitive ears.

However, the group recovered well and utilized such methods as old-style Nickelodeon film and classic pie-throwing gags to lighten the mood.

The trio’s quick improvisational skills and audience interaction reclaimed the attention of even the most dissenting theatre-goer.

Even with the dull, controversial segments of the show, the 90-minute production still garnered a great reception and made for a satisfying night at the theatre.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company’s production of “The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)” will run until Dec. 29 at the Thompson Shelterhouse Theatre in Cincinnati’s Playhouse in the Park.

Newswire Rating:



Winter restaurant ideas to warm up

By BRANDON MARTIN
Guest Writer

It is that time of the year. The familiar songs heralding Old Saint Nick have begun dominating the radio airwaves.

Holiday displays have started appearing in all of our favorite stores. We have already been graced with the first snowfall of the season.

The coffee shops have started making the switch from pumpkin spice flavoring to peppermint.

As the temperature dips, we seek out the classic comforts of the season to warm us up, not the least of which is food.

There are some great spots around Cincinnati that will warm you from the inside, starting with your stomach.

Gordo’s Pub & Grill is merely a stone’s throw from campus and stands as Norwood’s best kept secret, which is a shame.

An extensive beer and wine list complements the atmosphere which is simple but refined.

The staff is welcoming and willing to help you navigate the impressive assortment of drinks and food items as soon as you seat yourself.

Although the atmosphere is nice and the staff is welcoming, the real champion of Gordo’s Pub & Grill is the food.

All your classic pub favorites are here, but the pride and joy stands in its gourmet burgers.

Gordo’s uses only the finest quality of ingredients and it offers everything from the standard pub burger to such interesting concoctions as the BPJ, which is garnished with fried banana, chunky peanut butter cream cheese, jam and, of course, bacon (don’t knock it till you try it).

Gordo’s is a great place near campus to grab a delicious bite to eat and keep warm.

If you are looking to get away from Xavier for a change of scenery while you combat the elements head over to Clifton and find Sitwell’s Coffee House.

One of the trendiest spots in the city, Sitwell’s Coffee House has been around for the past 16 years.

On any given day you may be greeted by live music (usually acoustic) or the Clifton Chess Club, as well as an assortment of art that graces the walls.

There is a small menu of sandwiches and finger foods, all locally sourced of course, and the list of hot beverages is quite impressive.

If you are searching for a place to go that captures the prototypical college coffee shop experience with amazing coffee and tea while escaping the elements, Sitwell’s Coffee House is the place to be.

Of course there are the Cincinnati staples of Skyline or Tom + Chee that serve great warm comfort food, but I encourage you to try something new.

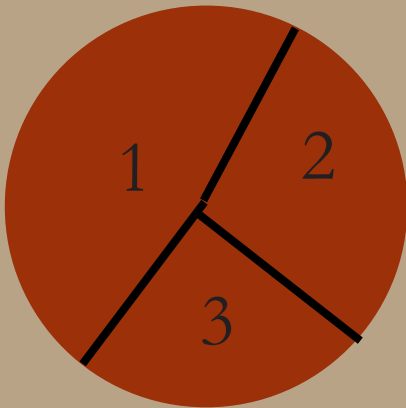
Thanksgiving*Fast*Facts

THANKSGIVING CAN OCCUR AS **EARLY** AS **November 22nd**
AND AS **LATE** AS **November 28th**



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The **Snoopy** balloon in the **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** has appeared the most out of all the balloons.



- 1.) 46 million turkeys are consumed on Thanksgiving
- 2.) 22 million turkeys on Christmas
- 3.) 19 million on Easter



Gobbler is the name for **male turkeys**, while **baby turkeys** are known as **poults**.

Benjamin Franklin believed the national bird should have been the **Turkey**.

A common good luck ritual is to have two people pull on both sides of the **"wishbone."** When it breaks in half, the one with the larger piece will become **lucky**.

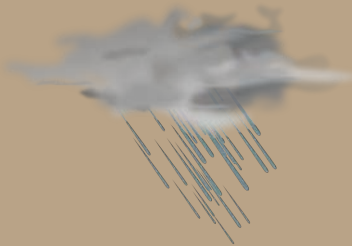


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calories consumed on average by a single person on Thanksgiving.

Domesticated turkeys cannot fly. Wild turkeys can fly short distances up to 55 miles per hour.

Turkey does not make you **sleepy** after a Thanksgiving Day feast. It is actually the **tryptophan** in the turkey, which is found in higher amounts in pork, soybeans and parmesan. The over-consumption of food causes the **"food coma."**



Turkeys can drown if they look up when it's raining.



The fork was not present at the first Thanksgiving feast. Those in attendance only used spoons, knives and their fingers.

Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday in **1941**.

The day before Thanksgiving is often believed to be the busiest travel day, when in fact, it is Thanksgiving Day.

50 percent of Americans put the stuffing in the turkey.

Yale vs. Princeton was the first Thanksgiving football game in 1876.

President Thomas Jefferson believed Thanksgiving was the "most ridiculous idea" he had ever heard.

